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BLANKET OF THE DARK

This office deeply regrets that no Western Government, newspaper, or other news service has told you the facts about Poland. Indeed the facts have been concealed by terrified Governments which have persuaded the media to black out.

We have ourselves spoken with an honest Pole whom we have known for some 30 years and who has just come back from 3 weeks spent in the Warsaw area.

For the sake of his family we cannot give a detailed description of our informant save to say that his brothers occupy positions one inside Warsaw, and the other just outside, from which it is possible to make very exact observations.

For weeks Soviet troops have poured by night into the area surrounding Warsaw. The roads have been crowded with military transports — which have thundered past our friend's brother's property. Our friend told us that the surroundings of Warsaw swarm with Russians and that (without a single word to the Western public) Russia has in fact totally surrounded Warsaw and has complete control.

That is one reason why the Pope's health has deteriorated. It is his country and he knew from dozens of Parish clergy what was secretly taking place.

Poland has been taken over and is lost. The social conditions (particularly food) are appalling.

As this is the one and only publication which has ignored disgraceful attempts to conceal the truth we hope each one of you will copy the issue and distribute it. The public must be told the truth. It must not be concealed.

Solzhenitsyn of course asserts that Afghanistan was in fact taken over as early as 1978 and not only when much later it became impossible to conceal the more obvious follow up — far too late to do anything about it.

Furthermore we ourselves have recently been down on the Yugoslav frontier. You have been told nothing about that either. In fact the situation in Yugoslavia is highly critical and considerable conflict is taking place between that country and Albania with Yugoslav domestic inflation up to around 40%. So much for Tito's legacy — the late favourite pet of the West.

Beyond all this you should be told that the main German trend of thought is towards complete surrender while in case of war America and Britain would be cut off each from the other unless a massive increase in surface convoy ships were rapidly built. In fact the British Government announces a large reduction. That is suicide.

All this unwise policy is based on a false idea that there exists within the Soviet Politburo a peace party. No such persons exist. The suggestion that they do is a plain lie. The unanimous intention of the Politburo is to strike and strike again. They just have struck in Poland and you have not even been told. If a country does not resist and cannot resist, the Soviets only have to walk in by night and surround the capital. That is what has taken place in Poland. So terrified is the West that in this instance the Soviets were able to walk in by night over a period of several weeks without one single word being said by any one.

handed over the guaranteed nation to the Soviet Union — which in 1939 was one of the invaders of the country guaranteed.

In the meantime Britain is sponsoring a device which would in fact simply legalise Russia's control of Afghanistan on the false pretext of what would amount to a token pretended withdrawal of a few Soviet troops leaving Russia with all she really ever wanted and all recognised by Pakistan.

As if all this were not enough the British Government presses for official talks with the PLO which is a full Soviet puppet, assists the IRA, and is set upon the extermination of Israel which was originated by a Conservative Foreign Secretary (Balfour 1917).

All this astonishing trend at the very time when the top military Soviet brass was concluding vast new strategic devices with Libya calculated to bring about total Soviet victory in the Middle East so soon as Iran is fixed! And Iran will ally with Russia. We helped to kick out the Shah and we are now assisting the Soviets to mop up the whole Middle East if not by positive action then by stupid activities otherwise meaningless to anyone outside a lunatic asylum.

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THIS ISSUE

It may be said that this issue of Special Office Brief is in a sense the crucial one. It not only tells you the truth about Poland, and gives you a precise prognostication, but it balances the opposed views held about Israel which this office considers to be at the heart of present world issues.

In our opinion this issue should widely be distributed and closely considered. We have tried to report the actual facts without equivocation and at the same time to present a balanced appreciation of the quite extraordinary issues which events have not yet wholly changed into facts.

To do this has not been easy. We have attempted a very difficult task. You will excuse us if it has not been done as well as the subjects deserve. Probably no situation has ever been more difficult to describe and with which to deal.

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THE FUTURE

It is our opinion that the facts are now sufficiently clear for a precise prediction about the future to be made. Once we can correctly forecast the future course of events we can also determine what defence and economic policies ought to be adopted.

In our opinion no diplomatic activity will divert the Soviet Politburo from its intentions. We therefore recommend policies designed for the sole purpose of thwarting Soviet military intentions.

Russia will attack Israel in the Middle East very soon after she has mopped up Iran. Ethiopia and Libya will attempt to tie down Egypt and to assist generally against Israel.

In our opinion, notwithstanding the popularity of Pope

SUNDRY REPORTS

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SWITZERLAND

Present Situation

Last year Switzerland made satisfactory economic progress, which, however, does not seem to be continuing into 1981, although the level of employment remains high. Since the beginning of the year the upward movement in prices has been gathering momentum again, and in order to counteract this a restrictive monetary policy is being pursued. In 1980 the Swiss current account is estimated to have slipped into the red for the first time in 15 years.

| Main Economic Indicators | 1978 | 1979 | 1980* | 1981** |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| GNP (billion SF, at current prices) | 157.4 | 164.6 | 176.1 | 186.6 |
| Real growth of GNP (% change on previous year) | + 0.3 | + 2.5 | + 3.0 | + 1.0 |
| Industrial Production (1963 = 100) | 146 | 148 | 155 | — |
| Inflation rate | 1.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| Balance of Payments, Current Account (billion SF) | + 7.9 | + 4.1 | - 0.5 | 0 |

* partly provisional ** forecasts

Economic Growth

With a deficit on current account and prices tending upwards, the Swiss economy is showing signs of losing momentum. Last year the country registered relatively strong economic growth of 3%, following an increase of 2.5% in 1979. Among other things, a decline in new orders in many branches of industry and a general cut in investment budgets point to a slackening in business activity. In 1980 the economy was still benefiting from rationalisation and modernisation of production, plants, prompted by the tight situation on the labour market. At present, demand still remains buoyant in construction, particularly in private housing. In contrast, public consumption is providing the economy with little stimulus, as attempts are

PAKISTAN

Present Situation

Boosted by bumper agricultural output and a sharp improvement in the manufacturing sector the economy is stronger than for some time. However, the external sector remains the weak link with imports, pushed up by large oil purchases, offsetting a creditable export performance.

Political Situation

General Zia ul-Haq has been in power since the overthrow of President Bhutto in July 1977. Elections promised for late 1979 were postponed and General Zia has made the restoration of democracy dependent upon four objectives: a stricter enforcement of Islam, increased economic development, price stability and the eradication of crime. The crisis in Afghanistan has helped to win considerable Western and Arab support and aid for the regime.

General Economy

Notable increases in agricultural and manufacturing output, in line with the targets envisaged in the National Economic Plan (1978-83), combined with more prudent fiscal management have stimulated economic growth. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) went up by 6% during fiscal year 1979/80 (July/June), a rate similar to that achieved in the previous year and substantially above the average 3.7% per annum expansion over the 1970-77 period. However, the standard of living has not increased proportionately because of population growth estimated at 2.5% a year.

Inflation remains a major problem and the official index, despite subsidies on important consumer goods, rose 12% in 1980. Inflationary pressures include the rapid rise in import prices, notably oil, and strong monetary growth. Moreover, the current economic liberalisation recommended by the IMF could lead to increased pressure on prices as subsidies are removed.

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